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One surprise to some union officials was that the UAW local at General Motors' Saturn plant in Tennessee recently adopted a three-crew/ two-shift arrangement without any overtime unless there is more than 40 hours of work a week.

"I don't know why they did that," said Bowers.

By adopting the new work schedule. Local 1112 has shown it is serious about helping GM be more competitive, said Pochiluk, "It wins them the eternal affection of GM. They become part of a key pilot program."

Added Bowers: "We made sure we protected our jobs yet provided the necessary income we needed. We provided GM what they needed for the same price or cheaper per unit basis, and we got 1,800 jobs out of it."

Plain Dealer reporter Sandra Clark contributed to this article.

Master Metals ordered to cut lead production

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Master Metals Inc. must cut its lead production by 24%, according to a preliminary order issued by Cleveland Housing Court. ...

The order also demands that Master Metals, which has been cited repeatedly for putting too much lead into the air, come up with a plan by Thursday to eliminate such emissions completely.

Lawyers for the city of Cleveland had asked Housing Court Judge William H. Corrigan to temporarily shut down the furnaces at Master Metals.

Corrigan, however, decided to keep the plant open, but cut back its production to reduce potential pollution. The drop in production will also reduce revenues at Master Metals. giving it a financial incentive to improve its pollution record.

"In other words, they get to make a lot less money and a lot less stuff,"

said Martha McCorkle, assistant city law director.

The city plans to give Master Metals 30 days to comply with the order, she said.

No one representing Master Metals was available for comment yesterday.

The W. 3rd St. company, which extracts lead from batteries and other materials, faces a hearing Friday to determine whether the order will be continued, modified or rescincted.

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